

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Bal Ram Singh et al. Art Unit : 1656
Serial No. : 10/766,283 Examiner : Chih Min Kam
Filed : January 27, 2004 Conf. No. : 3757
Title : NOVEL PROTEINS WITHIN THE TYPE E BOTULINUM NEUROTOXIN COMPLEX

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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants thank Examiner Chih-Min Kam for taking the time to conduct a telephonic interview with the undersigned on December 21, 2007. During the interview, the Advisory Action of November 28, 2007 (herein the "Advisory Action) was discussed. The Advisory Action indicated that claims 22-24 and 33-37 had not been entered and remained rejected for alleged indefiniteness.

In the interview, applicants' representative indicated that the amended claims in the Reply to Final Office Action recite "[a] method for treating a patient who is suffering from a disease or condition associated with exaggerated release of acetylcholine from presynaptic nerve terminals," which, applicant's representative suggested, should allay the Examiner's fears about the claim.

Examiner Kam indicated that her primary concern is the use of the term "associated" in "disease or condition associated with exaggerated release of acetylcholine from presynaptic nerve terminals" since the symptoms of disease or condition may not result from acetylcholine release. Applicant's representative proposed potentially amending the claims to recite treating conditions resulting from exaggerated release of acetylcholine. Examiner Kam suggested, but did not promise, that such an amendment might be helpful in moving the claims towards allowance and that she would consider them if applicants were to so amend the claims.

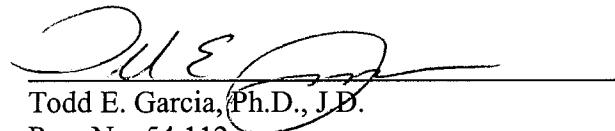
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Respectfully submitted,

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